

Listen carefully to lyrics next time you fire up your MP3 player, Playlist.com or “Rock Band” and you might be surprised just how many songs from different genres contain lyrics that reflect the ideals of transcendentalism. Some examples: “Get Up Stand Up” by Bob Marley, and “Live Like You Were Dyin’” by Tim McGraw.

Your assignment is to design a cover, song list and liner notes for a CD comprised entirely of “Transcendentalist Music.”

Your completed CD cover package must contain the following elements:

- A list of 10 songs that reflect transcendentalist ideals (Include the name of the song and artist.)
- You must find at least one song for each of the following themes:
  - Appreciation of Nature, or a desire to return to Nature
  - Self-Reliance, either taking care of yourself, or thinking for yourself
  - Nonconformity, celebrating your individuality & being yourself
  - Standing up for your rights, especially if something seems unjust
  - Simplicity (shunning material goods, stress, clutter, etc.)
  - Seizing the day & living life to the fullest
- Include a brief explanation of why you chose each song and what theme it relates to.
- The complete lyrics to ONE song that you think especially represents transcendentalist ideals. (Lyrics must be appropriate for school!)
- Images that reflect themes in Transcendentalism
- The finished product may be hand written/drawn, a collage of magazine or newspaper clippings, or done with the aid of computer fonts and graphics. IT MUST BE THE SIZE OF A STANDARD CD COVER.

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**6 points:** Have at least one song for each theme below:

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- Seize the day

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